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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>4</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.
<input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).
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III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
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V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 19 February 2004 (19.02.2004)	Date of completion of this report 24 June 2004 (24.06.2004)
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**I. Basis of the report**1. With regard to the elements of the international application:<sup>\*</sup> the international application as originally filed the description:

pages \_\_\_\_\_ 1-5 \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed

pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand

pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_

 the claims:

pages \_\_\_\_\_ 1-6 \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed

pages \_\_\_\_\_, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19)

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 the drawings:

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 the sequence listing part of the description:

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## 3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in written form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4.  The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_ the drawings, sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_5.  This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).<sup>\*\*</sup>

<sup>\*</sup> Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rule 70.16 and 70.17).

<sup>\*\*</sup> Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1 - 6	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1 - 6	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 6	YES
	Claims		NO

**2. Citations and explanations**

The following prior art documents are considered:

- D1: US 2002/041971 A1 (TUTTLE ERIC D ET AL) 11 April 2002 (2002-04-11)
- D2: US-A-5 985 391 (TUTTLE ERIC D ET AL) 16 November 1999 (1999-11-16)
- D3: EP-A-0 763 421 (BASF LACKE & FARBEN) 19 March 1997 (1997-03-19)
- D4: EP-A-0 475 110 (HOECHST AG) 18 March 1992 (1992-03-18)
- D5: EP-A-0 423 511 (TETRA ALFA HOLDINGS) 24 April 1991 (1991-04-24)
- D6: US-A-4 288 483 (MISKA STANLEY R ET AL) 8 September 1981 (1981-09-08).

**1. Novelty (PCT Article 33(2))**

None of the above prior art documents D1 to D6 discloses a sealing film having a substrate, a primer layer and at least one extruded functional layer and characterized in that an extruded barrier layer is additionally provided between the primer layer and the extruded functional layer. The subject matter of the applicant is therefore novel.

**2. Inventive step (PCT Article 33(3))**

Moreover, none of the above prior art documents appears to solve the problem of avoiding the undesirable migration of components of the primer layer and/or the functional layer - and hence of preventing an impairment of the sealing film's packaging function - or to suggest a solution to this problem. Consequently, the subject matter of the application also involves an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)).